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ANNOUNCER: Uncle Sam's Forest Rangers

ORCHESTRA: QUARTET: RANGER SONG -

ANNOUNCER: Well, folks, we're heading once again for the National Forest. For several weeks now there has been a lively argument going down at Willow Glen. It seems the women's guild sponsored a drive to stop the cutting of Christmas trees. The merchants of the town have for years followed the custom of trimming the business streets and their store windows with Christmas trees and many of them have sold one out trees for home use. The argument seems to have spread until nearly everybody in town has taken sides. Even families it is said are divided. The last time we were up at the Pine Cone Ranger Station Ranger Jim Robbins had started the CCC boys trimming some young stands of trees and he expected to sell the tops, that were suitable, for Christmas trees. The money received from the sale of National Forest products goes into the National Treasury and every Forest Ranger likes to have his district make a good showing in the annual summary of National Forest receipts. So Ranger Jim is anxious to find a market for these thinnings.

Meanwhile, you remember, there was some talk about the Widow Gay who owns and runs the Box O ranch near Windy Creek. It seems that Jerry Quick has been over at the Box O quite a bit lately.

As we tune in today at the Pine Cone Ranger station we find Ranger Jim is away but Sam and Jerry are there. - Here they are --

BESS: (CALLING) Jerry - Oh Jerry -

JERRY: (OFF) Yes?

BESS: Telephone

JERRY: All right (COMING UP) Who is it?

BESS: I don't know - it's a woman's voice

JERRY: Hello - yes this is the Ranger station - No, this is Quick -
Oh hello Mrs. Ga -- Uh. How do you do?

BESS: Oh it's that woman!

JERRY: What was that, Mrs. Gay, I didn't hear you - Oh yes they are
having quite a row over the Christmas trees. - Yes Mr. Robbins
went to town yesterday to see if he could help settle the
matter --

(KNOCK ON DOOR - IT OPENS)

MARY: May I come in?

JERRY: What's that?

MARY: (SUBDUED VOICE) Oh, excuse me -

JERRY: Well I'm glad there's one woman in the country that has some
sense - Why yes, we have a thousand trees all stacked up by
the road ready to ship. - The CCC boys thinned them out of the
stands, but the merchants are afraid to buy them on account of
the boycott. - Well, we explain all that on a red tag we attach
to every tree - you know those Christmas tree tags we use -
No, it explains how the trees were cut - wait - I've got one
here in my pocket. I'll read it to you. It says (READS) "This
tree brings a Christmas message from the great outdoors. Its
cutting was not destructive but gave needed room for
neighboring trees to grow faster and better. It was cut under
under the supervision of the United States Forest Service from
a crowded stand on the National Forest (MORE)

JERRY: (CONT)

The protection of the forest from fires has made it possible for this tree to decorate your home on Christmas Day." Don't you think that makes it plain? Yes - emotional sentimentalists - that's it Mrs. Gay - They don't see the practical side of things. - You're what? - Oh the turkeys. They did? Oh, that's too bad. Well Mr. Robbins went to town yesterday to see what could be done about saving these trees. We hate to have them go to waste - When he comes home I'll be glad to let you know what he found out. - Oh thank you Mrs. Gay - I shall be glad to. Goodbye.

BESS: Now what did that woman want?

JERRY: Why she was asking --

MARY: So we're sentimentalists are we? Well, be that as it may, Mr. Quick, I want to tell you that I think you're very inconsistent. When you rant about preserving the forests and then cut those beautiful young trees for Christmas trees.

BESS: But my dear! -

JERRY: Oh, she's been listening to some of those old -

BESS: (STERNLY) Jerry! You be mighty careful - (DOOR OPENS)

JIM: (COMING IN) Well, what's going on here?

BESS: JIM! Oh, Jim, you're home early - (KISSES HIM)

JIM: There let me put these down (RATTLE OF PAPER WRAPPED PACKAGES)

MARY: Look at all the packages. That looks like Christmas.

BESS: How was the trip?

JERRY: Why sure - It's the only thing they can be used for - They would just go to waste.

JIM: He explained that and then he mentioned the people who live in apartments have no place to keep a planted tree but they can make room for a small tree for Christmas decoration.

JERRY: Yeah - just the same thing as having holly wreaths and cut flowers --

MARY: Well, I don't care, I think the living Christmas tree idea is beautiful.

JERRY: Why sure it is, but -

BESS: For goodness sake tell us what they decided to do.

JIM: Bert Ellsworth wound up his talk by proposing a sort of compromise. He suggested the Chamber of Commerce transplant a big spruce to the Courthouse lawn for a permanent municipal Christmas tree and decorate it each year with lights and that the women's guild start a tradition of a Christmas program with songs and -

MARY: Oh, sing Christmas carols -

BESS: I think that's lovely.

JIM: Well then he suggested the stores go ahead and decorate and sell trees but that every dealer in Christmas trees be licensed. When he gets his license he agrees to sell only trees that he can guarantee have been cut according to forestry principles.

JERRY: Say that's a good idea - How did they take it?

JIM: Fine! - Both sides liked it. The Mayor said he'D require the licenses.

ARY: But Mr. Robbins how will the merchant know how the trees are cut?

JIM: He will buy only from people he knows are responsible - whose word he can accept.

JERRY: That'll do away with the bootleggers who go out and cut trees on other folks property. They're the fellows who do most of the damage.

JIM: And another thing, this supervision and the license fee will cut down the number of dealers. Every fellow who can get a load of trees won't be jumping into the business and overloading the market. That's what causes the waste. Too many dealers, too many trees left over. Too much provisions cutting. A little regulation will stop all that.

JERRY: I think it was a swell idea. Now we can sell those trees we have stacked up in the woods.

JIM: Yes, I've arranged for the trucks to begin hauling them this afternoon. I want you to go up and check them out and be sure there is a tag on each tree. (CHUCKLES) Those red tags have gotten so popular that it's hard to sell trees that don't have them. I didn't have any trouble getting orders for the thousand trees but every dealer specified that all trees must be tagged. - So you see to that, will you, Jerry?

JERRY: You bet I will Jim.

SESS: I'm just awfully glad it's all settled.

- JIM: (CHUCKLES) I reckon there wouldn't a' been much Christmas spirit in the Glen this year if it hadn't been settled. It was pretty near a case of the women against the men.
- MARY: I am glad it happened. I think the men need something like that once in a while to bring them to their senses.
- BESS: Why Mary,
- MARY: Have you forgotten Mrs. Robbins that we are emotional sentimentalists.
- JERRY: Oh that reminds me Jim. I've got to call Mrs. Cay. The row affected the turkey market too. She had all her turkeys sold and a lot of the orders were cancelled. I told her I'd let her know of any new developments.
- BESS: Now, Jim, can you tell me why that woman should call up here about her turkeys?
- MARY: I think the proper thing would be for her to phone her customers in Willow Glen. Why should she expect Jerry to know anything about it?
- JERRY: (INDIGNANT) Sa-a-a-y -- That d'ya mean? -
- JIM: (LAUGHS) Well I s'pect she really was calling me.
- BESS: Why call you? - As Mary says, why -
- JIM: Well you see, I saw her in town yesterday morning - and by the way she's a very charming woman.
- BESS: Jim Robbins are you going to lose your head over that woman too? Lind takes you're old enough to know better.
- JERRY: Gee, that's a hot-shot - I s'pose I'm not old enough to know better?

MARY: Well, just the same Jerry Quick, I think you show mighty poor judgment running after a widow - and so much older than you -

JERRY: Now just a minute - who's running after who? And let me tell you, Mrs. Gay is a charming and talented woman - you don't know her. - Wait 'till you meet her.

BESS: I can't understand why a talented woman would come out here and buy a ranch. What does she know about ranching?

JIM: Well, Jess, you'd be surprised. She really is a pretty capable manager -

BESS: Oh, you men like to stick together, especially if there's a woman involved.

JERRY: But Mrs. Robbins, that's not fair -

MARY: And the parties she has over there. Her husband told Mrs. Spence -

JERRY: There! That gardner! He's at the bottom of the whole thing. The old crook steals stuff from the ranch and peddles it to Mrs. Spence and gives her a load of gossip --

MARY: How do you know he steals it?

JIM: (LAUGHINGLY) Jerry I reckon as an will have to stick together. If Jess will set a plate of food out on the porch for us I think we better move. I live so close and wide of us so as to see my horse trees.

MESS: (APOLOGETICALLY) Why Jim I'm so sorry I forgot you haven't
 had a thing to eat. Why didn't you say something - I'll
 get something right away - (GOING OFF) Mary could you like
 to help me?

MARY: Why yes Mrs. Robbins (GOING OUT) I'd love to (DOOR CLOSING)

FADEOUT CLOSING THE MUSIC

ANNOUNCER: Well, folks, we are mighty glad the controversy over the
 Christmas trees has been settled in time to permit the usual
 decorating for Christmas in Willow Glen. Millions of homes
 will be made brilliant during the Christmas season by brightly
 decorated trees. And we hope the difference of opinion
 about the Widow Gay doesn't affect the Christmas spirit at
 the Pine Cone Ranger Station.

The Forest Service strongly endorses the use of living
 Christmas trees but for those millions of families who have no
 place to plant a living tree it also advocates the use of the
 cut trees, believing that they can serve no higher or better
 purpose than to bring into the homes the brilliance and good
 cheer of the decorated tree which has become a symbol of
 Christmas. The Forest Service, however, advocates regulation
 of the cutting to prevent devastation of the forests and
 regulation of the sale to prevent unnecessary waste.

The United States Forest Service extends to the millions of
 friends of the radio audience its sincere good wishes at this
 Christmas season, - and it also wishes to express at this time
 its appreciation to the splendid folks of the National
 Broadcasting Company who have made this program possible.

Next Friday at this time, Uncle Sam's Forest Rangers will be
 with us again.

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